



District Music Contest Outstanding Performance Award

Purpose: The Outstanding Performance Award (OPA) is designed to recognize the top performers at District Music Contest in the solo and small ensemble categories. These are the students who demonstrate preparation and performance excellence beyond the standard of a Superior rating in skill and musicianship.

Process of Selection:

- ✦ This award will only be given to soloists and small ensembles (up to 24 members) that are adjudicated by a single judge. (Large ensembles adjudicated by a panel of judges will not be eligible.)
- ✦ Only one performance *per judge* may receive the Outstanding Performance Award regardless of the number and types of entries in that room.
- ✦ Each adjudicator will be given the opportunity to designate **one** performance as an “Outstanding Performance”. They **may** also nominate **up to two** additional performances as “Honorable Mention” in addition to the Outstanding Performance.
- ✦ Judges do not have to select an Outstanding Performance **unless** they have given a perfect score on the contest ballot. If they give more than one perfect score they must select only one for the OPA.
- ✦ This award can be given to any instrument or voice category, class size or grade level of performer.
- ✦ Forms will be given to judges to assist them in tracking, selecting & reporting the award recipients.
- ✦ The recipients of the Outstanding Performance and Honorable Mention Awards will be presented certificates in recognition of their performances.

Instructions to Judges:

- ✓ As you are judging throughout the day, please make a note of performances that you found especially impressive using the **Adjudicator’s Tracking Form**. Write down the performer’s name, total ballot points, school, performance time and literature performed. Consider the difficulty of the repertoire, skill of performer, musicianship and poise. The final column should reflect the award status when determined. These are the performers who go above and beyond the standards for a Superior rating on the ballot.
- ✓ **IMPORTANT: DO NOT HOLD ON TO YOUR ADJUDICATION BALLOTS TO TRACK THIS AWARD!**
You will be provided with tracking sheets to facilitate your decision.
- ✓ At the end of the day, transfer your choices on to the **Outstanding Performance/Honorable Mention Award Reporting Form** provided and give it to your site’s host director or their designee.
- ✓ If you give a perfect score (a “1” in every category on the ballot), you must name **one** performance as “Outstanding”. If you do not award a perfect score, you can choose not to give this award. Please note: performers do not have to achieve a perfect score to receive this award. **You may select only one Outstanding Performance and no more than two Honorable Mentions each day.**
- ✓ This award is not to be given to large ensembles (concert bands, orchestras, choirs, show choirs, etc.). It is for solos and small ensembles that are adjudicated by a single judge.



Adjudicator's Reporting Form*

NSAA Outstanding Performance/Honorable Mention Award

Adjudicator's Name _____

Contest Site _____

Outstanding Performance Award (only one given per judge)

Soloist Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

OR

Ensemble Type

(EX: Instrumental or Vocal with names) _____

School: _____

Center/Room: _____ Performance Time: _____

Literature Performed: _____

Honorable Mention #1

Soloist Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

OR

Ensemble Type

(EX: Instrumental or Vocal with names) _____

School: _____

Center/Room: _____ Performance Time: _____

Literature Performed: _____

Honorable Mention #2

Soloist Name _____ Instrument/Voice _____

OR

Ensemble Type

(EX: Instrumental or Vocal with names) _____

School: _____

Center/Room: _____ Performance Time: _____

Literature Performed: _____

***RETURN THIS FORM ONLY TO YOUR CONTEST DIRECTOR OR THEIR DESIGNEE.**



Contest Director's Certificate Instructions



The process for reporting your student award recipients and printing their certificates.

You do not need to email, fax or mail a form to report your site's winners to the NSAA office. You will easily select the student award recipients from a list on the NSAA website or enter them manually and select the type of award (Outstanding Performance or Honorable Mention) they are to receive.

Directions for doing this and for printing the award certificates are included below.

Each NSAA district has the option of completing the Outstanding Performance Award and Honorable Mention certificates at the contest site or after the event takes place. Your district music coordinator will provide this information for your site.

***If the certificates are printed at the contest site** and provided to the student recipients' school with their contest materials when the event is completed, the contest director or contest administrative designee will use the following instructions to list the student recipients and print the certificates for each soloist or ensemble member.

***If the certificates are to be printed after district music contest**, use the following instructions to list the student recipients and print the certificates for each soloist or ensemble member.

The certificates should then be mailed to the appropriate school as soon as possible after district music contest for presentation to the students. Please take care in mailing the certificates in an appropriate way to protect them during transport. This new program for district music contest requires some care and effort to ensure students receive the award certificates in a timely way.

Please follow these instructions:

- The contest director logs on to the NSAA website with their **school** and **personal passcode**.
- On the director's personal page under: **District Music Contest Host and Coordinator Information**, click on: **Reporting and Printing Outstanding Performance and Honorable Mention Awards**.
- Follow the directions on the page to easily enter your site's soloist/small ensemble award recipients. Remember to select the appropriate award: **Outstanding Performance** or **Honorable Mention**. [This is all done on the NSAA website so no mailing or transmission of the list is necessary.]
- You can then print the award certificates for every student soloist/ensemble member/school.
- When printing the certificates use a good quality paper and select the **black & white** or **color** versions whichever provides the best result.

- If you're using an Apple computer, the certificates may not print centered on the page. To remedy this do the following:
 1. Click on **File->Print**. A window opens up and under "**Copies & Pages**", there is a field called "**Page Scaling**". By default, it is set to "**Shrink to Printable Area**".
 2. Select "**None**" and save or exit the window. The certificate should be centered now when printed.

NOTE: You may print as many copies of the certificates as required for students and schools.

If you have questions contact your district music coordinator or Dan Masters at the NSAA office, (402) 489-0386 or dmasters@nsaahome.org.